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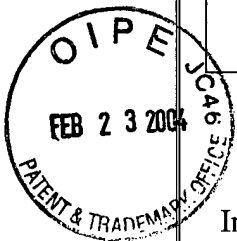
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PAUL A. PRICE and JULIA S. JOHANSEN

Application No.: **09/215,077**

Filed: **12/18/1998**

For: **ASSAY FOR YKL-40 AS A MARKER
FOR CANCER**

Examiner: B. Nguyen

Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 16, 2003. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months; and
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.